

REMARKS

This responds to the examiner's comments attached to the Advisory Action of May 4, 2001, paper no. 13.

The Amendment filed April 25, 2001 was denied entry primarily because the specification was not concurrently amended with the new claims 9-14 to address the "rate" and "ratio" issues addressed and resolved by changing to --amount-- with presentation of new claims. The substance of the claim amendments offered in the April 25, 2001 (non-entered) Amendment are repeated above (with the exception of replacing "middle-" with "medium-" in claim 10) and a substitute specification has been provided including systematic replacement of --amount-- for "ratio" plus carrying forwarded the Amendment of November 9, 2000 where "middle-chain" was replaced with --medium-chain--. In preparing this substitute specification spelling errors were fixed and corrections to syntax made to improve clarity of the final text.

Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b): the attached substitute specification contains no new matter. Attached also is a marked-up copy of the specification showing the changes made as of this date and the changes instructed in the Amendment of November 9, 2000. It is believed that the issues raised in the Final Rejection are now resolved. Further consideration and allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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